As you know, in May the 2008 homestead rebate applications were mailed to homeowners that could be identified as senior citizens (age 65 or older) or disabled on December 31, 2008. The Division of Taxation is now in the process of mailing the remaining applications. The mailing of the application packets will be staggered over the next two weeks. The deadline for filing is September 1, 2009.

The homestead rebate application delivery dates for counties in the 13th District are as follows:

· Union County: July 27

Middlesex County: July 28

Hudson County: August 4

· Essex County: August 7

The Homestead Rebate Program provides rebates for homeowners and tenants who occupied their principal residence in New Jersey on October 1, paid property taxes on that dwelling either directly or through rent, and whose gross income for the entire year does not exceed certain limits. For information on eligibility for seniors, please click <a href="here">here</a> to learn about their potential eligibility.

Most homeowners can file their applications either by phone or online. Both filing systems are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the filing period.

• To file by phone call 1-877-658-2972

· To file online

If you have any further questions, please call 1-888-238-1233 (TTY/TDD callers may call 1-800-286-6613) from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.